

Get Ready for the Great Fair.

The great event of which the city of Maitland feels so proud—the annual district fair, will begin Tuesday of next week, August 17th, and continue four days. As the small boy yearns for the day set for the arrival of a circus so it will be with a majority of the citizens of Maitland, and of all Holt county and southwestern Nevada and northwest Andrew counties, for the commencement of this great enterprise. The fame of this fair extends far beyond the haunts of this immediate section, and probably contributes as much as anything else toward placing Maitland at the head of the list of enterprising cities of Northwest Missouri.

It is not a local enterprise, but entries are open to the best productions of the world. The management this year have spread themselves to a greater extent than any previous year, both by way of exhibits and amusements, and it will be surprising to all who attend to see what great pleasure and information can be found within the enclosure.

As every fair held in the land have a certain day as the "Big Day" this meeting will not be an exception, and it is presumed that Thursday will be the day, but every day during the entire week will be a "Big Day," if attractive specialties and exciting races will make them so.

There has been more of a rush for the speed ring this year than of any other entries, and the selection of elegant material has been made with considerable care, so a rich race is in store for the lovers of horse racing. The purses are also quite liberal.

Every citizen of the county should have local pride and patriotism enough in him to attend, and do what he can to help make the affair a success. The usual special trains will be run.

After a Good Road.

The past season has proven to the satisfaction of the business men of Mound City, that bad roads are a poor investment for anybody, and the road from Mound City to Bigelow has simply "been horrible," and a movement is now on foot looking to the building of a "road what is a road" between these points.

Those directly interested started a subscription to raise a healthy fund, hoping thereby to obtain a like sum from the county court, thereby insuring sufficient money to secure the construction of a first-class road.

The petition reads as follows: We, the undersigned, subscribe, agree and bind ourselves to pay the amount set opposite our respective names for the purpose of widening and improving the public road, leading from Mound City to Bigelow, Missouri. This agreement shall not be binding unless there shall be at least \$1250 subscribed thereto, nor unless the county court appropriate for the same purpose a sum equal to the total amount subscribed.

Name	Amount
E. D. Shellenbarger & Co.	\$200.00
Bailey & Bruce	100.00
Jos. Shellenbarger	50.00
Meyer & Fuller	50.00
Bank of Mound City	50.00
Parker & Wright	50.00
Mound City Electric Co.	50.00
Green Bay Lumber Co.	50.00
Joseph Groves	50.00
Mound City Mill Co.	50.00
Holt County Bank	50.00
T. W. McCoy	50.00
Burke & Dillon	25.00
Wetly & Wehrli	25.00
Chas. Wehrli	25.00
A. L. Meadows	25.00
Ann McNulty	25.00
Jno. T. Frazier	20.00
E. D. Gillis	20.00
C. C. Moore	20.00
Herman Drug Co.	15.00
T. W. Mumm	15.00
Geo. Stoesler	15.00
M. B. Moore	15.00
J. G. Melvin	15.00
H. Thomas & Son	15.00
Gladstone Hotel	15.00
J. B. Denny	15.00
J. L. Ballard	10.00
King Bros. The News	10.00
C. C. Smith	10.00
John Peters	10.00
A. Baumgard	7.50
J. M. Hansen	5.00
F. E. Niendorf	5.00
F. Q. Mitchell	5.00
Wm. McKee	5.00
Billie York	5.00
W. M. Carr	5.00
E. W. S. Pratt	5.00
G. A. Black	5.00
D. M. Blevins	5.00
T. K. Armstrong	5.00
Jno. E. Iden	5.00
Coke Jackson	25.00
Hayden Edwards	10.00
Geo. Romine	10.00
Jacob Book	25.00
August Boerner	25.00
A. B. Hinkle	5.00
A. B. Walton	5.00
J. H. C. Curtis	5.00
Chas. Woodbury	1.00
J. T. Riley	1.00
W. T. York	5.00

The court on examining the subscription made an order that a like sum would be appropriated from the county funds upon the payment of the subscription to the county treasury, and that said road construction would be under the supervision of the county court.

Rights of way from the following owners of land along said road were filed with the subscription list, as follows: John L. Channing, 40 feet; John Dewey, 30 feet; A. B. Walton, 40 feet; Isaac Minton, 40 feet; Joseph Groves, 20 feet. The petition also asks the court to appoint D. W. Porter, Thom. Tyson and Wm. M. Morris as commissioners.

The Marriage Record.

For the month just closed, July, shows plainly that the heated term for these matrimonially inclined, hence Recorder Moore reports but few marriages issued. The following is the list, however: Austin Robert and Christina Millison, of Oregon, by Rev. Clyde Darney, July 3.

Brumback, Al. M. of Craig, and Sallie McDonald, of Oregon, by Rev. H. Cramp-ton, July 31.

Dalton, Guy L. of Cornish, Iowa, and Clara Butler, of Mound City, by Rev. B. B. Preston, July 17.

Elder, R. M. and Cora J. Leach, of Forbes, by Judge H. T. Alkire, July 20.

Eggar, Albert, of Amazon, and Margaret Van Allen, of New Point, by Rev. John Hoover, July 8th.

Joelyn, Hiram N. of Parker, and Mrs. Phoebe Welch, of Oregon, by Rev. B. B. Brink, July 11th.

Wood Wanted.

Sealed bids will be received for furnishing the Oregon schools 70 cords of GOOD OAK WOOD in 10 cord lots or more.

Bids to be received at L. I. Moore & Co's grocery store up to August 23, 1897. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

L. I. MOORE, Com.

BOOKS ADOPTED.

Complete List of Text Books to be Used in Our Schools for Five Years.

Following is a complete list of school books adopted by the school book commission for use in the public schools of our state, exclusive of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, for a period of five years, from September 1st, 1897.

Mental Arithmetic—White's Oral; retail, 30c; exchange, 18c. New.

Written Arithmetic—Milne's Elementary; retail, 25c; exchange, 15c. New.

Primer—Taylor's; retail, 20c; exchange, 12c. New.

Readers—Present series, known as the New Franklin, are adopted.

Language—Dugarn's; first book, 25c; exchange, 15c; 2d book, retail, 35c; exchange, 20c; 1st book, boards, retail, 23c; exchange, 10c; 2d book, boards, retail, 30c; exchange, 15c and second combined, retail, 35c; exchange, 20c. New.

Geographies—Rand & McNally's Elementary, retail, 42c; exchange, 21c. Complete, retail, 81c; exchange, 42c. New.

United States History—Morris' Elementary; retail, 51c; exchange, 21c. New.

Shin's History of American People—retail, 85c; exchange, 30c.

Physiology—Baldwin's Essential Science—retail, 45c; exchange, 25c. Stowell's Essentials of Health; retail, 70c; exchange, 35c. New.

History and Civil Government of Missouri; Rader's; retail, 75c; exchange, 40c. New.

Writing—Vertical System; retail, 5c. New.

In the High School grades the following have been chosen:

Algebra—Milne's Elements; retail, 51c; exchange, 30c. New.

Higher Arithmetic—Walsh; retail, 59c; exchange, 30c. New.

Astronomy—Howe's; retail, \$1.15; exchange, 60c. New.

Botany—Bergen's; retail, \$1.01; exchange, 50c. New.

Chemistry—Sherrard's; retail, \$1.03; exchange, 50c. New.

American Government—Hinsdale; retail, 92c; exchange, 50c.

Grammar—Patrick's Higher; retail, 40c; exchange, 15c. New.

Rhetoric—Williams'; retail, 78c; exchange, 40c. New.

Geometry—Phillips & Fisher's; retail, \$1.05; exchange, 50c. New.

Geology—LeConte's; retail, \$1.03; exchange, 50c. New.

History—Meyer's General; retail, \$1.25; exchange, 50c; Green's English; retail, \$1.05; exchange, 50c; Fiske's American; retail, 90c; exchange, 50c. New.

Latin—Collar & Daniel's Beginner; retail, 85c; exchange, 50c; Harper & Tolman's Casser; retail, \$1.03; exchange, 50c.

Literature—Painter's English; retail, \$1.10; exchange, 75c; Matthew's American; retail, 85c; exchange, 60c.

Physical Geography—Tarr's; retail, \$1.25; exchange, 78c.

Zoology—Colton's; retail, 74c; exchange, 48c.

Political Economy—Walker's First Lessons; retail, 92c; exchange, 70c.

Physics—Gage's; retail, 86c; exchange, 50c.

The commission we understand reserves the right to terminate the contract at the end of any school year. This is done to give the commission a chance to reject any books which do not prove satisfactory. This decision may cause some delay in signing contracts, but it is believed all will agree to it. In the meantime, we presume the old series of books will have to be used until the new ones are placed in the hands of local dealers.

In the selections made, the book trust went out in the bulk of awards, and while the prices are lower than the former one, we have not been able to understand why there should have been any change whatever. As it is, it means an expenditure of \$300,000 to \$500,000 by the patrons of the schools of the state for the benefit of the school book trust, and there will doubtless be war in hundreds of families when their heads have to go down in their pockets and pay for new sets of books for all their children of school age. If there was no necessity for a change in readers, why change the arithmetic. What's the matter with the Ray series, and it is so on through the list? No necessity whatever only to help out the book combination.

Good Roads Convention.

Following is the program of the Good Roads convention to be held at Forest City, Mo., Saturday, October 16, 1897.

PROGRAM.

Permanent organization.

Music.

Why should we use wider tires on our wagons?—Judge B. F. Morgan, Lewis.

A woman's interest in good roads—Miss Susan Beeler, Oregon.

The use and handling of graders—August Schrader, Lincoln.

Township organization—D. Ward King, Clay.

Good roads as an aid to good schools—Mel. Brumbaugh, Liberty.

The difference in the amount of earth moved by the wheel grade and the dump scraper, teams being equal—J. H. Fickes, Clay.

The method and the expense of putting the top of a hill into the hollow—Jacob Wehrli, Liberty.

Recess for dinner.

Music.

The roads of Ancient Rome—B. O. Cowan, Hickory.

Good roads from a preacher's standpoint—Rev. R. B. Preston, Benton.

What ought to be the attitude of the press of Holt county toward good roads?—Editor E. S. Hays, Union.

How to drain our roads—Albert Hardman, Hickory.

Can we get air line roads between the main points in Holt county?—Editor D. P. Dolyns, Lewis.

How to lessen the number of county bridges—Wm. M. Morris, Benton.

Why should we pay our poll tax in money?—Jacob Orndy, Clay.

Invalids and Tourists.

are invited to write W. J. Black, G. P. A. Santa Fe Hotel, Topeka, Kan., or Geo. W. Hagenbuch, P. O. T. A., Kansas City, Mo.

The Fair.

BY OUR PORTER MACHINE. Well, howdy, do, is this you, John? Why, bless me, what a joke. I pretty nearly passed you by. Du tell me, how's the folk? Law sakes, alive, if there ain't Jane And Bess and Tom and Harry. Ed, Charlie, Kate and Sue and Jim. Most big come to marry.

When did you come to Missouri, John? Yes, this is little Fanny. But how is Hoopole township. Posey county, Indiana? I left old Posey county, Sam. Three years ago last May. So sick and tired of hazel brush, Stumps, hills and yaller clay.

I sold the forty acres for enough to buy out here. A rattling quarter section, Sam. I've got it free and clear. About six miles from New Point; I tell you, Sam, I've got a splendid piece of Missouri dirt. A perfect garden spot.

I just drove up to Maitland, You see, my folks are there. They brought some produce from the farm. To show 'em, folks at the fair: Jump in, ride over to the grounds. It won't cost you a cent. And if they charged five dollars, John, It would be cash well spent.

They have the most convenient place for exposition ground. A nice spot with bluegrass sward. The best for miles around. Water abundant, pure and cool. A splendid home and all.

The best kept, fastest half mile track in this or any state. And horses that won't take the dust. From any second race. They say, for honest management. It is beyond compare. The best conducted all around Of any county fair.

Warren Brownlee, Joe Crider, J. F. Chase, Dave Gelvin, Will Everhart, Hodgins Melrose, William Bohart. Are hard to beat in the start. But here we are just past right in. Walk over to the hall. Where farm products are displayed. It's open free for all.

Now, mark my word, before you leave Your eyes will open wide. Old Indiana can't produce The truck you'll see inside; Well, I'll be darned, just see them stalks Of corn yonder, Sammy. In all my days I never saw Their match in Indiana.

Why, hoh Moses! see them ears. Aways up to ten feet high. I'll bet you, Ed, Hart glued them on. To fool such folks as I. Where is the bug would tackle that? Say, John, I do declare. That yaller ear is two feet long. It's spliced, begosh, I'll swear.

Look at these apples, Maiden's Blush. Red as a rose, Willow Twig. Smith's Cider, Winesap, Northern Spy. They're so good darned big. We used to fill our pockets up. With apples in my day. But you would have to quarter these. To get them in half way.

What wondrous peaches, plums and pears! Tell the truth now, Sammy. I must confess it makes me blush. For poor old Indiana. So big and juicy, ripe and red. So tempting, bless my soul, I do believe the smallest one Would fill our yaller bowl.

See the large display Of vegetables fine. And the seedsmen exhibit. Of all things in their line. See the squashes, cobs and seeds. That's a pumpkin more than weighs One hundred pounds; those cabbage heads. Belong to Howard Chambers.

See Grove's herd of Short Horn stock. The ribbon blue have won. His Short Horn bull's magnificent. And over weighs a ton; Those handsome fawn-splinked Jersey cows. For milk cannot be beat. E. A. Brown's Galowsays, plump and fat. Make tender, juicy meat.

The trotters, runners, pacers, all Will develop wondrous speed. The trotter ponies' double heat Will be laughable indeed. I'll bet you a royal right good time At Holt county fair. And see some products of her soil That will make me with wonder stare.

I'm going back to Posey and I'll tell them that the howl That the Populist made. That Missouri means to pay her debts. And they need have no fears. For there is corn and wheat and oats. And horses, hogs and steers.

That wheat will be one dollar sure. And fifty cents for corn. The hovers of calamity Must cease to toot their horn. And just to prove that I have faith In all I say and do. I'll sell my farm in Posey And come and dwell here too.

Remember that the fair commences At Maitland, Mo., next Tuesday, August 17, and continues four days. Excursion rates on railroad.

Forest City.

—G. W. Baldwin is at home on a few days' vacation.

—Mrs. Lizzie R. Scott is visiting in Short Creek, Ohio.

—L. L. Tears will make his home here with his mother.

—Will Hitt made a business trip to Topeka, Kansas, this week.

—J. B. Lamb left last Monday for a week's outing in the mountains.

—Harry Maple and Miss Nell Carder attended the show at Mound City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Austin and family took in the show at Mound City, Monday.

—A Good Roads convention is to be held at Forest City, Saturday, October 16th.

—Miss Florence Rees, the Oakland teacher, is sick with typhoid fever in Craig.

—The colored people of this place are making arrangements for a picnic the 22 of September.

—The Methodist will give an express social to-night, Friday, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White.

—Mrs. James R. Wilson, Mrs. Peter Galbraith and Mrs. Headley left Thursday for a visit to the mountains.

—Leester Hilevans and Charles McRoberts took in the ball game at St. Joseph last Sunday. They reported a nice time.

—Master Fred Alkire visited his aunt, Mrs. S. Ferguson, in Mound City, the first of the week. Of course Fred went to the show.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson returned last Friday from a pleasure stay of several days with friends in Langdon. They report good fishing.

PARSON.

—J. S. Robertson has the thanks of "all hands" in the office for a fine watermelon.

Circuit Court.

The following is the civil docket for the August term of court, commencing, Monday, August 23, 1897:

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23. Jonas B. Deamont, ex parte. Application for admission to bar.

State of Missouri, ex rel, Milton C. Brumbaugh, Collector, vs. The Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad Co. Tax suit.

William M. Albin vs. John F. Meyer. Ejectment.

Arthur J. Cotton vs. Harvey E. Burnett. Appeal from J. P.

Charles W. Brown vs. Jacob Metzgar. Suit on note.

F. X. Raiser vs. C. Hohlitzell. Civil action.

In matter of Big Tarkio Ditch, No. 1. J. H. Miles, et al., petitioners and appellants, vs. F. W. Walter, et al., objects.

Appeal from county court.

In matter of Big Tarkio Ditch, No. 2. E. A. Brown, et al., petitioners and appellants, vs. George Romine, et al., objects. Appeal from county court.

FIFTH DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 27. Henry W. King & Co. vs. J. R. Price & Company. Suit on account.

T. C. Dungan vs. Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad Co. Damages.

Ford Hine Brewing Co. vs. C. C. Davis and Jacob Schweinfurth. Attachment.

James Thornhill vs. Hazard Thomas. Appeal from J. P.

Tootle, Wheeler & Motter vs. J. R. Price & Co. and J. A. Taylor and A. F. Parrish. Suit on note.

State of Missouri, ex rel, Robert Montgomery and Marius S. Norman, vs. The County Court of Holt County. Mandamus.

William Tracy and Benjamin F. Tracy vs. John H. Lynds and Alexander Van Buskirk. Civil action.

George A. Kennard & Co., et al., vs. Joseph Hildebrand and Eliza Hildebrand. Suit on account.

SIXTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28. Joseph G. Dorsey vs. Abbie Dorsey. Divorce.

Allice Emmerson vs. L. J. Emmerson. Divorce.

Lulu Kieff vs. J. W. Kieff. Divorce. Nellie Ackerman vs. Lewis Ackerman. Divorce.

Susan Johnson vs. Gabe Johnson. Divorce.

Lillian J. Riser vs. Henry K. Riser. Divorce.

Lida Speer vs. Charles Speer. Divorce. Hilda Farrell vs. William A. Farrell. Divorce.

Edwin Hubbell vs. Mary E. Hubbell. Divorce.

SEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 30. William A. Cochran and William Bender vs. Thomas W. McCoy. Damages.

Joseph R. Collison vs. Naman D. Stultz. Attachment.

L. C. Fisher vs. G. Q. Smith and John Drappeau. Appeal from J. P.

Bungenstock and Price vs. Z. T. Randall. Appeal from J. P.

C. C. Frame vs. Frank Ewing. Appeal from J. P.

John Deere Plow Company, a corporation, vs. Roy L. Shirley and Warren E. Gelvin. Attachment.

EIGHTH DAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31. John Wise vs. Thomas Parrish and Daniel Cook. Civil action.

F. K. Allen vs. R. L. Bringer and G. H. Coocoe. Suit on note.

Hyatt Coal Company vs. David H. Knepper and E. Bosley. Suit on note.

S. P. Wright vs. H. L. Ward. Appeal from J. P.

F. B. Bungenstock vs. Len Walter and F. W. Walter. Suit on note.

Frederick Bungenstock vs. W. F. Huff-stetter, J. H. Huffstetter and August Henstorf. Suit on note.

Minnie Bungenstock vs. F. W. Walter and Len Walter. Suit on note.

Van Calvert Paint Co. vs. Frederick W. Walter. Suit on account.

John H. Gentry vs. John Chuning, Charles Chuning and Ira Chuning. Regnier & Shoup Crockery Company vs. Joseph Hildebrand and Eliza Hildebrand. Suit on account.

W. M. Gossett vs. Rebecca Carter. Appeal from J. P.

Henry C. Schmidt vs. Thomas Kyrer. Appeal from J. P.

F. X. Raiser vs. Robert Patterson. Appeal from J. P.

Arthur J. Cotton vs. Harvey E. Burnett. Suit on note.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Albert Asendorf. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. William J. Bringer, Maria L. Hayes and Montgomery & Roeker. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. J. O. Beauchamp and Nancy Springer. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Edward A. Brown and Arthur J. Denny. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Jacob S. Burk. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Beatrice I. Butler and Eliza Kay. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. John Beck, George W. Baldwin and Effie Babcock, as heirs at law of Joel Baldwin, deceased. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Joel H. Cropp. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Howell L. Caton and W. F. Caton. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Amos P. Damon and Herbert A. Owen. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Charles L. Dorsey and John L. Chuning. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. The Forest City Extension Company by Thomas E. Tootle, president. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Isaac Griffith and Frank W. Harmon. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Charles L. Gilmore. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Francis T. Guillems. Tax suit.

State ex rel, Joseph J. Pierce, Collector, vs. Sadie E. Gu